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SUBJECT: WORLD FOOD COUNCIL WORKING GROUP ON RULES OF

PROCEDURE: GROUP 77 MEETING OF JANUARY 20

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1. CORRECTION OF REFTEL. PARA 4, SECOND SENTENCE, FIRST
CLAUSE SHOULD READ: "U.S. REPRESENTATIVE CRITICIZED LATE-
NESS OF PROPOSAL..."

2. AT CLOSE OF MEETING, ON JANUARY 19, CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCED,
CONTRARY TO INDICATIONS REPORTED REFTEL, THAT GROUP 77 WOULD
HOLD MEETING TUESDAY MORNING, JANUARY 20, AND WFC WORKING
GROUP ON RULES OF PROCEDURE THEREFORE WOULD NOT MEET IN THE
MORNING. WE APOLOGIZED FOR THIS ACTION, BUT SAID HE BELIEVED
IT WAS APPROPRIATE BECAUSE THE GROUP 77 MEETING WOULD CON-
SIDER PROPOSALS OF IMPORTANCE TO THE WORK OF THE MEETING.
AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVE ASKED THAT GROUP 77 SUBSEQUENTLY
INFORM ENTIRE WORKING GROUP OF IDEAS CONSIDERED, EITHER IN
WRITING OR ORALLY, AND NOTED THAT LITTLE TIME REMAINED TO
CONSULT GOVERNMENTS REGARDING NEW PROPOSALS. GUINEA REPRE-
SENTATIVE SAID HE WOULD TRY TO DO SO, BUT DID NOT COMMIT HIM-
SELF. U.S. REPRESENTATIVE NOTED THAT WFC WORKING GROUP HAD
MUCH WORK BEFORE IT, AND ONLY FOUR DAYS REMAINING, AND REG-
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ISTERED OBJECTION TO GROUP CONSULTATION WHEN WORKING GROUP

MEETING HAD BEEN SCHEDULED. HE NOTED MANY MONTHS HAD PASSED DURING ACTIVITIES OF WORKING GROUP, AND IT WAS UNREASONABLY LATE TO INTRODUCE ANY MAJOR NEW PROPOSALS. GUINEA REPLIED SHARPLY, ARGUING THAT THIS WAS ESTABLISHED PRACTICE, FOLLOWED BY OECD/DAC ON MANY OCCASIONS. U.S. REPRESENTATIVE ASKED FOR FLOOR WITH INTENTION OF DENYING THIS ALLEGATION, BUT CHAIRMAN PREVAILED UPON HIM AND OTHERS WHO HAD ASKED FOR FLOOR TO PERMIT MEETING TO BE ADJOURNED. VOLPE

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